

THS dedicates crown to Tyson

Niagara Frontier League powerhouse Tonawanda High School had four champions and easily captured the team title in the first Niagara Frontier Wrestling Officials Classic over the weekend at Niagara County Community College.

The Red Warriors chalked up 180 points while runner-up Clarence finished with 165½. Other local teams included Grand Island 122 (fifth place), Lewiston-Porter 96 and Cardinal O'Hara 96 each (tied for sixth), North Tonawanda 66½ (11th place) and Niagara Falls 62½ (12th place).

Team captain Jim Garigen, a tilist at 167 pounds, asked that Tonawanda's first place trophy be dedicated in memory of Paul Tyson. The Tyson youth died Saturday when the car he was driving was hit by a train in Tonawanda. Greg Brinker, also of Tonawanda, was a passenger in the car and suffered multiple injuries. He is listed in serious condition today at DeGraff Memorial Hospital.

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Both Tyson and Brinker were graduated from Tonawanda last year and were members of the wrestling team. Garigen also extended the team's prayer to Brinker for a fast recovery.

Garigen was joined in the winner's circle by teammates Shawn Ryan, Sam Runfola and Steve Behrns.

Ryan defeated Mike Russo of Cheektowaga 9-7 in the 105-pound title bout while Runfola edged Dave Wright of Clarence 2-0 to win the 119 crown. Garigen beat Don Wood of North Tonawanda 13-3 at 167 and Behrns won by default over Grand Island's Scott Culbert for the 177 title.

The other local winner was Cardinal O'Hara's Bill Eisenmann at 145. He beat Rich Scinta of DeSales on overtime criteria in the finals.

Mike Massaro of Williamsville Sotuh was named the Outstanding Wrestler and Tony Torress of Alden was given the Quick Pin

Award for downing four opponents in 9:32. Torress finished third at heavyweight.

The Niagara Frontier Wrestling Officials Association worked the tournament free of charge and NCCC offered its facility without cost. The organizers wish to thank NCCC wrestling coach Eric Knuutila for his efforts in helping with the event.

NIAGARA FRONTIER WRESTLING OFFICIALS CLASSIC Team Standings

Tonawanda	180
Clarence	165½
Maryvale	152
Cheektowaga	139½
Grand Island	122
Lewiston-Porter	96
Cardinal O'Hara	96
Williamsville Sotuh	88
Amherst	78
Alden	75
North Tonawanda	66½
Niagara Falls	62½
DeSales	55
Cleveland Hill	32½
Barker	20

Championship Round

11 - Earl Wright (GI) d. Jim Eberhardt (THS) 14-2. 98 - Mike Rotundo (Clar) d. Keith Nehrboos (Ald) 13-5. 105 - Shawn Ryan (THS) d. Mike Russo (Cheek) 9-7. 112 - Mike Massaro (WS) d. Dave Stevens (Mary) 13-0. 119 - Sam Runfola (THS) d. Dave Wright (Clar) 2-0. 126 - Keith Ginter (Amh) d. Len Testa (WS) 8-6. 132 - Tom Manzella (Clar) d. Dave Zack (Mary) 1-2. 138 - Dave Hickson (Cheek) pinned John Schrimmel (Mary) 1:35. 145 - Bill Eisenmann (O'H) d. Rich Scinta (DeS) overtime criteria. 155 - Ken Carter (GI) pinned Jerry Kania (Mary) 3:35. 167 - Jim Garigen (THS) d. Don Wood (NT) 13-3. 177 - Steve Behrns (THS) won by default over Scott Culbert (GI). 215 - Scott Freischlag (L-P) won by forfeit over Paul Kolaczynski (Cheek). 250 - Bill Nagel (Mary) pinned Shawn Regent (Cheek) 3:39.